





## THE TWO HIGHWAYMEN.

I long have had a quarrel set with Time,  
Because he robbed me. Every day of life  
Was wrested from me after bitter strife;  
I never yet could see the sun go down  
But I was angry in my heart, nor hear  
The leaves fall in the wind without a tear  
Over the dying summer. I have known  
No truce with Time nor Time's accom-  
plices, Death.

The fair world is the witness of a crime  
Repeated every hour. For life and breath  
Are sweet to all who live; and bitterly  
The voices of these robbers of the health  
Sound in each ear and chill the passer-by,  
What have we done to thee, thou mon-  
strous Time?  
What have we done to Death, that we  
must die?

## Humble Beginnings

Not long ago a grizzled millionaire  
miner from the far West dropped into  
town. He occupied a superb suite in  
one of Washington's most luxurious  
hotels during his stay here. Among his  
cullers was a young man from his own  
state. This young man married, not  
long ago, a young woman "out home."

"They got along all right, tidily on his  
\$1,000 a year, earned as a government  
clerk. The old miner had not only  
known the young man from his boy-  
hood, but he had hidden the young  
man's wife on his knee all the way to  
Banbury Cross, when she was a little  
girl in pigtails.

"Son," said the grizzled miner to the  
young man from his home state, when  
the latter was making his call at the  
fine hotel suite, "you and Aggie are  
keeping house here, aren't you?"

"Well, we're living in a little flat, if  
that's keeping house," the young man  
replied.

"Well," said the wealthy old miner,  
"I sure do take it powerful hard that  
you and Aggie don't invite me up to  
your place and give me something to  
eat—I sure do."

"The young man started to make some  
reply, but the old man wasn't through.  
"I'm getting mighty tired of hotel and  
restaurant grub," he went on. "I can't  
get any taste or good out of it—it all



THE TWO SAT PENSIVE AND SAD.

tastes alike. If you and Aggie only  
knew how I've been sort o' hankering  
for a good, big fillin' layout of shoulder  
and greens, I'll bet a box of matches  
that you'd have taken pity on me and  
asked me to your place to have some.  
Ever have shoulder and greens? Noth-  
ing on earth like shoulder and greens,  
after all, is there?"

The young man looked a bit embar-  
rassed.

"Well," he said, "Aggie and I have  
talked time and again about asking  
you to take dinner with us since you  
came on here this time. But you know  
what these dinky little three-rooms-  
and-a-bath flats are—or do you? And  
Aggie and I had sort of an idea that  
maybe—well, to be frank, that after all  
the splendorousness that you're used to,  
why, it might make you feel sort of  
uncomfortable—oh, now, is just a plain  
little dump, you know, and we thought  
maybe it would—or—"

"Look a-here, boy," interrupted the  
old miner, "will you and Aggie give me  
some shoulder and greens to-morrow  
evening, say at 6 o'clock?"

"You know very well that we'll be  
delighted to have you," replied the  
young man.

"All right," said the old man. "Write  
me down the address. I'll be there."

"And, Joe," he added, as the young  
man prepared to take his leave, "you'd  
better warn Aggie about the low-down,  
ornery, sniggering habits of greens. It  
takes a lot of greens to make a proper  
mess of 'em—a well, I've seen a bushel  
o' greens, almost, laid down to 'most  
nothing," and then the two laughed  
and the young man went away.

"On the following evening the bluff,  
ruddy, fine-looking old mining man ar-  
rived at the little flat at the minute.  
It was a neat and tastefully furnished  
flat, but small, of course.

"Sure you've got plenty of greens?"  
the old gentleman inquired, with mock  
anxiety, when he was greeted by the  
pretty young matron, whom he had  
known as a child. "I've been worrying  
a good deal over that to-day."

"Oh, stacks and stacks of greens,"  
she replied, adding, "but if there  
shouldn't be enough I could eke out  
by boiling down the rubber plant, you  
know," and so the little dinner began  
merrily enough.

The shoulder was a sweet piece of  
finest-fed meat from Virginia, and after  
the old miner had tucked his napkin  
under his chin in the old-fashioned  
way and gone at it, he came pretty  
close to looking like a thoroughly sat-  
isfied elderly man.

"Dye children know," he said, as he  
pawed his plate over for the third  
helping, "that I've been in training for  
this ever since yesterday? Fact, I've  
hardly eaten a mouthful since you in-  
vited me—or, better, since I invited  
myself. And it's worth the fasting."

After the dinner the old boy fixed  
himself in a big rattan chair in the  
tiny cozy corner near a window and  
got a well-seasoned briar pipe belong-  
ing to his young host aging.

"A cigar after shoulder and greens!"

## BORROWING and LENDING



Quoth Poor Richard: "He who goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing," but  
really, isn't it usually the lender who does the sorrowing?

Some people seem to have the borrowing habit. They're always "just  
out of" something, and instead of doing without, or supplying their own need,  
they ask a loan. It's a postage stamp or a little change for the laundry boy,  
car fare or a quarter for the contribution box, and a treacherous memory is  
a convenient excuse for forgetting the small obligation.

There is a saying, "The way to lose a friend is to lend him money."  
This is certainly true if the friend doesn't or cannot repay, because he has a  
sense of guilt or discomfort over an undischarged obligation, and the lender  
has a sense of injury over being kept out of what belongs to him. He who  
is refused a loan feels hurt and affronted, and he who refuses feels uncom-  
fortable in denying. Moreover, if borrowed capital is the beginning of a  
business success, no matter how scrupulously the loan has been repaid, the  
one who furnished the capital regards himself as in a way the source of his  
friend's prosperity.

"Neither a borrower nor a lender be," is a good working rule. But if  
occasion comes when a temporary accommodation seems necessary, make it  
a point to repay promptly. And the smaller or more trivial the sum or the  
article borrowed, the more carefully should we charge memory with it. It is  
little things we are apt to overlook, but it is not safe to predicate on the  
forgetfulness of those who have obliged us. One of the most awkward of  
situations is reminding a friend of a forgotten obligation of this kind, and the  
curious thing is that the neglectful one always feels a little affronted at  
having been reminded. "Couldn't she have waited a little? I was just going  
to return it!"

he exclaimed, reprovingly, when the  
young man offered him a cigar.  
"Mighty tidy place you've got here,"  
he said, after a pause, waving his pipe  
around. "Slack as a crackle, I'd call  
it. Plumb luxurious, in fact," and a  
sort of misty light of recollection ap-  
peared in the gray old eyes of the man.  
"I suppose Mary and I wouldn't have  
looked upon this as a sort of heaven  
away back yonder in the tangle of  
years when we were struggling along  
the best way we knew how."

The young matron had been picking  
out soft little chords on the piano, but  
she crossed over and sat down by her  
husband.

"Didn't have any such things as cozy  
corners when Mary and I made our  
start at housekeeping," the old boy  
went on, crossing his legs and leaning  
back and putting away at his pipe. "Not  
many scrumptious flimsies of any kind,  
for the matter of that."

"Fact is, it was a shack. And, on top  
of that, a one-room shack. Built it  
myself after working hours. Cut the  
scrub spruce and fir to build it, too."

"I was a timberman then in a new  
silver mine sixty miles from a railroad.  
Got \$25 a week, which wasn't much,  
counting how costly it was to live."

"Well, after I got the shack built I  
went down to Boise and asked Mary—  
she was teaching school there. Mary  
was agreeable about it—we'd been  
beaus since we'd met a year before, al-  
though after I went to work in the  
new mine I didn't have much chance to  
see her."

"But Mary was ready, and we got  
married in Boise City, and I took her  
to the shack I'd built. Marvelous days,  
those—both of us young, you see, and  
not bothering much about anything nor  
minding any sort of inconvenience, so  
long as we were close enough to each  
other so's I could holler across the  
gulch on my way to work and on my  
way home. And it was a home, plumb  
and proper—never had any such home  
since."

"I made the stove myself, too, out of  
an old rusty two-horse-power boiler  
that I cribbed from the engine house.  
Made most of the furniture, too, includ-  
ing the bed, spare times. Wagon  
freighting was costly, and beds and  
gear like that ready made, cost a heap  
of money out there those days—any-  
how, they were beyond me."

"Had a rag carpet on the floor of the  
shack that Mary'd been making herself,  
after school hours, for a year. Dishes  
were mostly wooden—I was pretty  
handy with a jackknife those days.  
Had calico curtains in the one window  
—Mary had an artistic eye, and the  
way she draped those curtains sure was  
something dandy."

"I got the water from the creek, about  
400 yards back of the shack. Used to  
fill up the three big barrels once  
a week, and let the water settle."

"Didn't have any fresh meat, unless  
I shot it o' Sundays—freighters used  
to fetch in the salt meat once a week,  
over the trail. Canned vegetables, too,  
and scandalously high they were."

"I'd started a truck patch, but the  
soil wasn't adapted to truck raising.  
All right for flowers, though. Mary  
got hold of some flower seeds—sub-  
scribed to a dollar-a-year weekly, I be-  
lieve, and got the seeds as a subscrip-  
tion prize—and she had the prettiest  
little garden of flowers in front of the  
shack you ever saw; sweet William and  
pinks and bachelors' buttons and  
chinas asters and marigolds and old  
things like those."

"She used to sit in that teeny  
flower garden of summer evenings and  
pipe on the little old ten-stringed  
string, fixed out with numbers for each  
string, that I got for her down at Boise.  
Mighty fetching and sweet the music  
from the sither sounded, too, out there  
in the open air, with the wind stirring  
through the branches overhead, and  
Mary with her pretty head, and a flow-  
er in her dark hair, tilted back against  
a tree, humming the tunes she played."

"Our first born arrived in that shack.  
The medical man who officiated on that  
occasion was a fellow who'd been ar-  
rested and locked up for horse stealing.  
They allowed him to come to our shack  
in company with a deputy marshal, and  
then they took him back to the lockup  
again."

"Well, Mary and I—and, later, the  
first one—kept house in that little, old  
hand-made shack, squatting at the base  
of the mountain, for three years."

Speaking for myself—and if Mary was  
on earth she'd join me in saying it—  
those were far and away the happiest  
years of our lives, they sure were."

After some music the old man took  
his leave, with cheery praises for the  
young wife's dinner of shoulder and  
greens. The two young people sat pen-  
sive and silent, for quite a while after  
the old gentleman had gone.

"I guess our little flat isn't so dinky,  
after all, eh, little woman?" said the  
young husband then, pinching his wife's  
cheek.—Washington Star.

## DR. D. D. THOMPSON.

Editor of Chicago Religious Paper  
Killed by an Automobile.

Dr. Davis D. Thompson, editor of the  
Northwestern Christian Advocate  
of Chicago, was run over by an auto-  
mobile in St. Louis as he attempted to  
cross the street and died from the in-  
juries.

Dr. Thompson was one of the leading  
religious paper editors in the country

and was in St. Louis attending the  
conference of Bishops of the Methodist  
Episcopal Missionary Board.

Dr. Thompson was born in Cincin-  
nati fifty-six years ago. He was gradu-  
ated from the Ohio Wesleyan Univer-  
sity and the Northwestern University,  
receiving in 1902 the degree of LL. D.  
from McKendree College. He was  
editor of the Northwestern Christian  
Advocate for the past seven years.

Too Much for Uncle Joe.  
By the side of a certain Illinois sub-  
urban railway stands a fertilizer fac-  
tory, which gives out a particularly  
offensive smell. A lady who frequently  
has occasion to travel on this line, al-  
ways carries with her a bottle of lav-  
ender smelling salts. One morning  
Speaker Cannon took the seat beside  
her. As the train neared the factory,  
the lady opened her bottle of salts.  
Soon the car was filled with the horri-  
ble odor of the fertilizer. The speaker  
stood it as long as he could, then ad-  
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can see a scar on his toe where he cut  
it as a boy.

## TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

Checked Career of Free Cuba's  
First President.

Tomas Estrada Palma, first pres-  
ident of Free Cuba, died in Santiago  
province of pneumonia complicated  
with other diseases. His death ends  
a checked career, during which he  
had been a wealthy land owner, sol-  
dier, exile, prisoner, teacher, diplomat  
and president. In fact, his career com-  
passed the most momentous period in  
the history of Cuba, but it did more  
than that. In its strange vicissitudes  
of fortune, its vivid contrasts of ad-  
versity and prosperity, its consistent  
story of self-denial, sacrifice and suf-  
fering in the cause of freedom, the per-  
sonal life of the first president of free  
Cuba may fairly be said to have ex-  
emplified the history of the troubled  
island to whose welfare he dedicated  
his all.

Tomas Estrada Palma was born July  
10, 1835, on the largest of his father's  
estates, at Bayamo, eastern Cuba. His  
father, who was one of the wealthiest  
and most respected land owners in  
Cuba, died while Estrada was yet a  
boy. The lad had been sent to Seville,  
Spain, to be educated as a lawyer, but  
on his return to his widowed mother in  
Cuba, he never practiced law to any  
great extent. The struggling condition  
of the island engrossed his attention  
and he devoted himself to a study of  
its involved political and economic af-  
fairs, together with the administration  
of his family estate.

He became a leader in the party of  
revolution, freed his slaves and took  
the field with the army of liberation.  
He was elected a member of the Cuban  
Assembly, by which body he was, in  
1870, chosen president of the strug-  
gling republic. Betrayed, he was  
thrown into a Spanish prison and  
tempted by Spanish gold. He spurned  
all bribes, and after his liberation, due  
to the surrender of the Cuban insur-  
gents, forfeited all he had in Cuba and  
found his way to Honduras, an exile.

There he married the daughter of  
Guardiola, president of the republic of  
Honduras, after which he came to Cen-  
tral Valley, N. X., where he opened a  
private school.

When the last Cuban war for inde-  
pendence got under way, Palma  
plunged into the struggle. His task  
was performed with such signal suc-  
cess that, when at last the struggle

had been ended and the victory won,  
through American intervention, it was  
natural that his grateful countrymen  
should select Tomas Estrada Palma  
to be their first president in fact, as  
he had already been their president 30  
years before in name.

President Palma found high office no  
bed of roses. His political opponents  
accused him of undue ambition and of  
usurpation of power. The sparks of  
hostility and partisan rancor were  
fanned into a blaze. That was a se-  
rious crisis in the life of free Cuba—  
the first rigorous test of her capacity  
for autonomy and self-government.  
What happened is too recent history  
to call for recapitulation. The United  
States was under moral and treaty ob-  
ligation to preserve the peace. To pre-  
vent the effusion of blood in another  
revolution, President Palma realized  
that his abdication was the best course,  
and he gave way to an American gov-  
ernor.

The veteran patriot retired to his  
old estate on the Cauto river, far from  
the turmoil of politics and intrigue.  
There he ended his days in the seclu-  
sion of a private life, erecting the  
crude buildings of a new home on the  
old domain and engaging in the breed-  
ing of cattle, even as his father had  
done before him in the golden days be-  
fore Cuba had become the spoil of the  
sword and torch.

A Misplaced Pin.  
"I was in an uptown tea room where  
the scenery is all out of proportion to  
the amount served you," said a New  
York clubman. "I was dallying with  
some cream when my spoon struck  
a common, every-day pin in the bottom  
of the frozen stuff. I gave a little  
wag, and a waiter slipped to my side.  
'See, a pin in this ice cream,' I said.  
'Why, I might have swallowed that.'  
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When a man takes off his socks, you  
can see a scar on his toe where he cut  
it as a boy.

Does anybody believe in pipe  
dreams?  
"Well, I guess folks who have oil  
stock do."—Baltimore American.

At some time in the life of every  
man be tries poetry and the chicken  
business.

RESTLESSNESS WITHIN.  
By Rev. Guy Arthur Jamieson.

Oh that I had wings like a dove,  
then would I fly away and be at rest—  
Psalms 1:6.

The writer of the text was a poet, and  
we know the poet to be given to swift  
changes of mood, flashes of alternating  
pessimism and optimism. To-day thrills  
with the joy of living; to-morrow he  
would escape from the burden of life.

While the feeling that inspired the  
words of the text is peculiar to the  
poet, I think upon occasion it comes to  
every one. All of us at some time have  
felt the longing to escape, to fly away  
and be at rest. I think it is natural,  
when day after day, year after year,  
we rise to the same task, must take up  
the same round of drudgery, that there  
sooner or later comes a feeling of re-  
bellion, when the spirit will crave in-  
sistently for some change, some escape,  
some rest.

The wish is one impossible of fulfill-  
ment in flight. If we are to advance  
in life, if we are to develop in the high-  
er sphere of living, we will find that  
what we call burdens and responsibil-  
ities will increase. The circle of activi-  
ties, whatever it may be, will widen,  
will make more demands; our influ-  
ence will be more potent, our life fuller,  
and if we are to be brave and faithful  
we cannot hope to escape burdens and  
responsibilities. We will have to make  
up our minds to many colorless days,  
to many a thankless task, to many an  
unappreciated effort. We must expect  
the hour of depressing mood, when we  
will long to escape from the monotony,  
the care, the task.

But how often we are disappointed  
when circumstances permit of our try-  
ing to escape, to fly away. The care and  
burden and sense of responsibility go  
with us. We cannot get away from our-  
selves. And often the source of disat-  
isfaction is in our souls rather than the

circumstances of our work or lives. It  
is change in ourselves that is needed  
rather than change in our work and  
environment. We think that if we could  
only get into new scenes we would find  
rest and peace. If we could only ex-  
change places with some one we think  
very fortunate and happy we would no  
longer have cause for unrest. But the  
change, the new scenes, a better knowl-  
edge of the envied one, only convince  
us of the groundlessness of our griev-  
ances; that the trouble is only with  
ourselves and not with our work and  
environment.

I think there is but one sure answer  
to this longing and unrest, and that  
answer is Christ. When we have come  
really to know Christ, we will have  
come into a spirit that will make such  
radical changes in our way of thinking  
of our work, our life, our responsibility,  
that we will come into that "rest"  
which life alone can offer. If we have  
come to Him we will find our yoke  
easy, our burden light.

SHORT METER SERMONS.  
Character is what we make of life's  
conditions.

It takes more than good living to  
make the good life.

It takes a lot of pety to stand up  
against prosperity.

He is a foe to truth who would try  
to defend it with error.

The holy life is the one that is  
healthy all the way through.

No day is long enough to waste any  
of it in nursing enmity.

The unanswered prayer finds its  
frustration in the disciplined heart.

The man who is going to heaven  
never tries to take up all the road.

Do heaven's business and heavenly  
beauty will take care of itself.

There's little of the water of life in  
works on religious hydrostatics.

There's a lot of difference between  
the tongue of fire and a fiery tongue.

No man is as good as he might be  
who does not try to be better than he  
can be.

No man needs our pity more than he  
who is indifferent to the sorrows of  
others.

It's always safe to deny the authority  
of an opportunity that thrusts itself  
in on a duty.

The steps downward are so many and  
so small that men seldom recognize the  
grade.

There's some moral disease present  
when the sight of another's happiness  
gives us pain.

It is often worth while to do an ap-  
parently fruitless act for the sake of  
acquiring a helpful habit.

When people are hungry for the liv-  
ing bread it's folly feeding them lec-  
tures on agriculture.

Too many of us make the mistake of  
thinking that the more good we can  
carry the more life we will live.

DON'TS FOR CHURCHMEN.  
Don't deny sin's service when you are  
enjoying its salary.

Don't forget that hearts of gold do  
not take gold to heart.

Don't be a coward in the strife if  
you would win life's battles.

Don't be fully satisfied with your  
faith until it has been tested.

Don't fail to learn that a good way  
to seek God is by serving man.

Don't waste your life trying to be a  
foghorn when you would make a better  
lighthouse.

Don't fail to take care of your man-  
ifest if you would have the Master take  
care of your divinity.

Don't engage in blackening the char-  
acters of others if you would retain  
the purity of your own.

Don't fail to keep faith with your fel-  
lowman if you are seeking a good way  
of cultivating faith in him.

Don't consume your time by thinking  
of nothing but your sins and failures  
lest you have nothing else to think of.

Salome Dance.  
The Salome dance is brilliant bad-  
ness. It is suggestive witchery. It is  
a fascinating and entrancing appeal to  
the senses. It is a combination of grace  
and beauty. It is feminine loveliness  
exploited in the market place. It is  
poetry of motion in its most subtle and  
suggestive form. It is the feminine  
form taken from the studio where it  
can be studied by the individual artist  
and aesthetically presented to the ob-  
servation of a promiscuous crowd. It  
is the degradation of beauty to its vul-  
garization.—Rev. E. L. Powell, Pres-  
byterian, Louisville.

Intellectual Sermons.  
Intellectual sermons are too often  
like reception lunches, two peas on a  
similar leaf.—Rev. T. H. Marshall, Bap-  
tist, Aurora.

Worth Reading.  
Nothing misfortunate matters much  
if so be you can smile about it.—  
Landon.

No one is useless in the world who  
lightens the burden of it to anyone  
else.—Dickens.

Had we not faults of our own we  
should take less pleasure in complain-  
ing of others.—Fenelon.

It will generally be found that the  
one most active in fault-finding is the  
most in need of self-reform.—Royston.

You must love your work, and not be  
always looking over the edge of it  
wanting your play to begin.—George  
Elliot.

Pardoning mercy is of all things in  
the world most to be prized, for it is  
the only and sure way to happiness.—  
Spurgeon.

There is no pleasure beyond the  
rules of righteousness; there is no  
pleasure in what injures another.—W.  
L. Watkinson.

It is with men very much as it is  
with fragrant flowers; the more they  
are bruised the more abundant their  
perfume.—Abellie.

Every sin thou slayest, the spirit of  
that sin passes into thee, transformed  
into strength; every passion subdued  
by a higher impulse is so much char-  
acter.—Robertson.



THE PULPIT

## THE FATHER'S WILL.

By Henry F. Cop.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven."—Matt 6:10.

Is that the prayer of craven submis-  
sion? It might be but for the first sen-  
tence of the petition. He who talks to  
his Father and knows the affection of  
that infinite fatherhood, will know that  
there can be nothing higher or better  
for him than that Father's will; that  
this may be perfectly done will be more  
than a petition, it will become the su-  
preme passion in life.

This is not the cry of one who says:  
"Let God's will be done because it is  
inevitable; he is almighty, I am im-  
potent before Him," but the cry of one  
who says: "Let His will be done be-  
cause it is best." Not in submission,  
but in aspiration, does one thus pray  
who has caught the spirit of this great  
prayer.

There seemed something noble and  
admirable in rebellion against the will  
of the Deity so long as we thought of  
Him as a person who, in arbitrary fash-  
ion, decided what we must do, as one  
who used his omnipotence for our sub-  
jugation, while he seemed to be a cov-  
ard who bowed his neck in time sub-  
mission to decrees and obligations im







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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 26

## Eastern Michigan Press Club.

Enjoys the Social Hospitality of Mt. Clemens—An Entertaining Community.

The annual convention of the Eastern Michigan Press Club at Mt. Clemens, November 6, will be long and agreeably remembered by the members who attended. Those who were not there will share the regrets. Arriving in a special car from Detroit a little after noon, the members were received by a well chosen committee, escorted through the famous Bath City and royally entertained. They visited, among other places of interest, the Mt. Clemens Bath Co. and Medea Hotel, a massive brick and stone structure, beautifully located, where Mr. Dalley and Mr. Ullrich made it pleasant for them. Thence to the Colonial Hotel, a magnificent brick structure with elegant baths attached and beautiful lawn, where Dr. A. N. Shotwell, the principal owner, and Mr. E. R. Egnew, the genial manager, presided. Thence to the Park Hotel with its magnificent baths in connection, where they were impressed with the magnitude and splendor of the surroundings; from there to the Fountain Hotel and Fountain Baths, which have long been famous in Mt. Clemens; thence to the Sherman House, the Glenwood Hotel, presided over by Mr. Harry Roy; the Eastman Hotel, Fenton House, and the New National; also, to the Clemens Hotel, owned by Jolly J. R. Murphy and to the beautiful Olympia bath house, where Thos. J. Matthews did the honors. We might go on enumerating, as many other points of interest were visited. Everywhere the members were hospitably entertained and everywhere could be seen evidence of the efficacy of the waters and the comfort and convenience provided for visiting guests, whether ill or well.

A business session of the Press Club at Barron's Hall was held from 4 to 6 p. m., at which the following officers were elected:

President—B. F. Browne, Harbor Beach Times.

Vice-President—W. H. Marvin, Utica Sentinel.

Secretary—F. E. Ellsworth, Western Newspaper Union, Detroit.

Treasurer—T. M. Sheriff, Trenton Times.

The business session was followed by a 6 o'clock dinner at the Medea Hotel, which was the occasion of a display of good fellowship as grateful to the hungry guests as was the excellent menu.

After having met the business men of Mt. Clemens we can well understand why the city of Mt. Clemens is so well and favorably known all over the country. Certainly they are a lively, enterprising, energetic and courteous community, and the guests and patients at the springs must enjoy their visits there.

The Press Club expects to make the Georgian Bay trip next June.

## Chicago Stock Show Records Again Broken.

Once more the International Live Stock Exposition, which will be held in Chicago from Nov. 28th to Dec. 10th has accomplished the seemingly impossible by again showing a most phenomenal increase in entries. Once more all past records have been demolished and once more we are brought to realize that interest is not waning in this, the greatest of live stock shows—a leading exponent of the live stock industry—and that this great annual event is becoming more popular from year to year. Even though feeding operations have been exceedingly light during the past year, we still find an increased number of entries in the cattle department. The draft horse exhibit, judging from the entries received, will be the greatest ever seen in this or any other country. Horses, whose lineage dates back into the dark ages, will be seen in the ring beside the most splendid specimens of the English and Scottish types, whose equals have never before been brought together in such numbers in the history of the show ring. The number of exhibitors in the sheep department exceeds that of any previous year, and in quality their exhibits will far surpass anything ever seen here in the past, as the entries show them to contain some of the choicest importations made in this country in recent years. In the swine department all the leading types will again be represented and the quality will be superior to that of any barrow show ever seen on this continent. All these and many other new features give promise of making the coming exposition the greatest in the history of this splendid series of events, and no one, be he ever so distant, connected with live stock—the right arm of our basic industry, agriculture—can afford to miss this exceptional opportunity for education, entertainment and a pleasure trip in one.

The One Drawback.  
It would be comparatively easy to establish a universal brotherhood of man if nobody ever found it necessary to try to borrow money.

## HomeCircleDepartment

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

There are too many fathers who will tie up the dog at night and let the boy run loose.

What is needed most of all in bringing up children is example. What they see and hear and take in by absorption in their young years, will, in most cases, become the ruling traits of their lives. Parents rarely fully realize to what extent they stand as models to their children.

There is no surer safeguard against the temptations that come to young men and women than a love for home. It has brought back and held many a wanderer in a safe place. It is something not only to love home but to know that you love it—and to know that you are happier at home than in any other spot on earth.

The sooner children are brought to understand that idleness is a crime, and that no amount of fine culture can make them pass for valuable in the world's eye if they are unable to earn a livelihood, and so must become "hangers on" for others to support, the better for them. That daughter who helps her mother cook and scrub, is far more worthy than she who only paints and plays, and obliges her overworked father to pay a servant that she may not soil her dainty hands.

There is a charity that consists in withholding words, in keeping back harsh judgments, in abstaining from speech, if to speak is to condemn. Such charity hears the tales of slander, but does not repeat it; listens in silence, but forbears comment; then looks the unpleasant secret up in the very depths of his heart. Silence can still more; it is speech that keeps a story alive, and lends it vigor. It is in the kind and gentle heart that charity abides with the peacefulness of a dove. There it makes its home, and by the world withheld, and the kindly one out-spoken, we have the sign of the dove of peace resting in the heart. For kind words are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Over Dress.

Too many mothers consider their children as simply objects for the display of their own vanity and pride. Little Mary must be kept in pure white clothes all the season through, though neither the father's purse nor the mother's strength is sufficient to provide the numberless changes necessary. Instead of dressing the child in sensible frocks of blue flannel, such as millionaire's children are not ashamed to wear for play dresses, every effort is strained to reach this false ideal of dress which the mother has set up for herself. She sits up into the wee small hours of the night working on dainty gowns in which all the childish impulses for play are stifled forever in dress array. The over-dressed child is always the unhappy child. She is a pert miss who has learned early to regard overmuch the pomps and vanities of life, or she is a poor little discontented victim, who has never had a chance for childish play, and looks with envy at the ragged, little, tumbling urchins who make mud pies on the roadside.

The over-dressed boy is even more unhappy than the over-dressed girl. The Little Lord Fauntleroy boys who were seen a few years ago in their velvet suits, though they were picturesque, were a very unhappy set of little gentlemen, and were probably very thankful when the fashion changed and they could wear blue flannel sailor suits and double-kneed trousers, or suits and play marbles at libitum. "Do you like your suit, Johnnie?" said a visitor to a boy in long blonde curls and Fauntleroy dress. "Naw," he replied. "I don't like to be a girl. It's my ma wants me to be a little angel."

How much sacrifice do such poor mothers make on the altar of personal vanity, and how little time and temper must be left to devote to the spiritual training of the child. What a lack there is in such a home of the true spirit of motherhood, of that tender care which the child will remember in after years, and which will help to guide him aright over the pitfalls that beset every path. The boy who looks upon his home as a place for the display of nervous irritation that comes from overwork, where anything is sacrificed to the love of show and no place is left for the angel of rest and peace, will leave it at his first opportunity, and at the same time his training has ill-fitted him to meet the great temptations outside.

Changed by Kindness.  
"We were married thirty-seven years," a man said, who had lost his wife, "and in all that time she never gave me a cross word. But I shall never forget the first time I scolded her. One morning when we had been married two years, I found a button off my shirt. I threw the garment at her, and said in a rough voice, 'Sew a button on!' She got a button and sewed it on, saying, 'Forgive me, husband, I had a great deal to do yesterday, and I forgot it; but it shall never happen again.' Her gentle words almost broke my heart. I could have gone down on my knees to ask her forgiveness. She made a different man of me, and the world has been a different place since she died."

## "PARADISE VALLEY."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Cyclone, The Child of the Camp,..... Jennie B. Nolan  
Old Rags, Owner of Paradise Valley,.... Ida F. Manney  
Mrs. Boggs, Landlady at the Ranch,.... A. Double  
Harry Austin, Who Seeks Revenge,.... C. Colten  
Frank Hartwell, A Schmeer,..... H. F. Nolan  
Dazelli, Hartwell's Accomplice,..... E. J. Dyer  
Pete Osborne, One of the Trio,..... Jack Manney  
Fritz Vonbunleshergesforstein, A Dutchman with a Heart, C. Plateaux  
SYNOPSIS.

Act I.—Rocky Pass. Dazelli discovers old Rags. The meeting of Cyclone and Harry. Dazelli and Hartwell find the papers. Cyclone to the rescue.

Act II.—Mrs. Boggs boarding house. The return of Dazelli and Hartwell. Fritz and Cyclone fool the landlady. The changed glasses. The death of Dazelli. Cyclone and Fritz on tap.

Act III.—Scene I.—Dark woods. Hartwell meets Rags. Cyclone's first lesson. Fritz meets a buffalo. Abduction of Cyclone and Fritz.

Scene II.—The Cave. Cyclone's imprisonment. Harry arrives and so does Fritz. Held at bay.

Act IV.—Cyclone's home New York. Fritz makes love to Mrs. Boggs. The Automatic servant. The return of Harry. Pete denounces Hartwell. All's well that ends well.

Specialties by E. J. Dyer, Chas. Pinteaux and Miss Bernice Nolan. Music Clark's Orchestra. Dance after the show.

## Saginaw Industrial Exposition.

The energy and enterprise of Saginaw, the third city in the state was never better illustrated than in the completion of the plans for her great Industrial Exposition which will be held in the city from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7 inclusive. Her magnificent Auditorium, recently completed, and the finest in the Middle West, gave her the opportunity, which was promptly signed for the Exposition. The result promises to be one of the truly big events of the year.

Entertainment will be for the visitor at all times and the entertainment will be of the highest order of merit.

In the Auditorium is one of the world's great pipe organs which will be played during the week of the Exposition by master hands, a treat of extraordinary grandeur.

Then there will be the Round's Ladies Band and Orchestra, a number without an equal as an entertaining feature, all free to the guests of the citizens at the Exposition.

There will be featured in attractive array and with consummate skill displayed the many, varied and extensive products which are made in Saginaw. There will be a liberal education in the exhibits, keen pleasure in the displays themselves and a joyous crowd from several states will add to the pleasure of the ensemble.

Altogether it promises to be the most important event in Michigan this year and no one can afford to miss it. Every means has been requisitioned to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the visiting throngs, and there will be many attractions of a metropolitan city in the bargain.

Saginaw, the City of Opportunity has risen grandly to the occasion and will live up to the motto adopted by her commercial bodies.

The Exposition is an event! It will mark an epoch in the city's development and is attracting more than state wide attention. For the first time in the history of Saginaw situation attention will be focused on her enterprise and energy as displayed in concrete form and down the vista of the great Auditorium the visitor will catch a comprehensive view of many things which have made the city famous and will become aware of what Saginaw has to offer in trade and traffic, location and advantages, hospitality and entertainment, and of what life means in the City of Opportunity.

## "Paradise Valley."

Thanksgiving night the Grayling Dramatic Co., will appear at the Opera House in their new 4 act Sensational Comedy Drama, "Paradise Valley." This is a bill that will appeal to the theatre going public as the climaxes are of an intense nature backed by pretty stage settings and excellent situations saying nothing of the Comedy vein running through the entire bill. One continual laugh with Fritz Vonbunleshergesforstein. Specialties between the acts. The company have secured the services of Prof. Clark's orchestra, therefore the patrons will not be disappointed on the dance. So make up your mind to stay for the dance after the show which will be positively given after the last act of "Paradise Valley." Seat sale will start Saturday morning Nov. 21st. Get your seats at once. Prices will remain the same, 15-25 and 35 cents.

## Estray Notice.

Strayed into my premises two spring calfs, color black, one a heifer and the other a bull. Owner is requested to call for them and pay charges for keeping and advertising.

FRED HOESLI, Sigby, Mich.

## Notice.

As my wife, Sarah has left my bed and board without just cause I hereby forbid any one trusting her on my account as I shall pay no debts contracted by her after this date, November 12th, 1908. T. N. WILCOX.

## Reduced Fares

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Greatest Educational Institution of its kind

20 Buildings - 100 Acres  
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## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive before, and on the 28th day of November next, at ten o'clock a. m., at my office, will open sealed bids for furnishing all material and doing all the labor of constructing a main and certain lateral sewers in the Village of Grayling, Michigan, under the supervision of the Street Commissioner of said Village.

A map and plans and specifications for said material and performing said labor may be seen at the store of Hans Petersen in said village.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.  
H. P. OLSON, Village Clerk.

## Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. "The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la-grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold everywhere, guarantees at Lewis & Co's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free."

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive before and on the 19th day of December next, at ten o'clock a. m., at my office, will open sealed bids for the purchase of bonds of the Village of Grayling, Michigan in the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars, payable one fourth of said amount in one year, one fourth in two years, one fourth in three years, and the remaining one fourth in four years from the date of the redemption of the money upon the sale thereof, each of said bonds bearing interest at the rate not to exceed six per cent per annum payable annually at the office of the treasurer of said Grayling Village and that said interest be evidenced by coupons attached to said bonds agreeing to pay said sums said interest will amount to.

All bids must specify both the rate of interest which will be accepted and the total amount which will be paid for the whole or a specified portion of said issue of bonds.

The right to reject any or all bids for said bonds is hereby reserved.  
H. P. OLSON, Village Clerk.

## How is your Digestion.

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says, "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, gastric troubles, and general ill health. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of weakness. 50c. at Lewis & Co's drug store.

## Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made and executed by Elenora Bates on the 10th day of May 1907 to Sarah E. Bechraft mortgagee, which said mortgage was recorded on the tenth day of May 1907 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber H of mortgages on page 464, which mortgage was assigned by said Sarah E. Bechraft to Walmer Jorgenson, by assignment in writing bearing date, May 21st, 1907, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on Friday the fifth day of March, 1909, at twelve o'clock noon, local time, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, costs and expenses of said sale and the attorney fee provided for in mortgage and by law.

Dated, November the twenty-third, 1908.

WALMER JORGENSON, of Grayling, Michigan, Assignee of Mortgagee.  
J. O. CUNNINGHAM, Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee.

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Why not make Yourself a CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

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The freedom from pain and eyestrain would be worth a thousand times the price of a properly fitted pair of Glasses. Call immediately and let me make an examination. I can tell you what you need.

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Positively leases particular patrons promptly at popular prices.

## PLEASANT TO TAKE

Young people have a proverbial disregard for extra wraps or rubbers, hence many of them have a cough most of the time.

This isn't right. Because the superabundant vitality of youth will throw off diseases which would kill older people, is no reason that coughs and colds among children should be neglected. The boy or girl who contracts a cough needs

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and should be given it without delay. This medicine is pleasant to take and is guaranteed to break up at once and ultimately cure the most stubborn cough. Mothers write us grateful letters, telling of the wonderful properties of this syrup. It is a splendid medicine—soothing and healing to old and young. Try it! Large bottles only 50 cents.

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## OUR DIAMONDS AND WATCHES

are of the finest quality and will pass the most rigid test that experts can subject them to. We carry a large variety of gold and silver ornaments that are suitable for Christmas gifts for any age.

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and we are the people who can supply you with Good Overcoats—the kind that fit, look neat and give superior service. If preferred, you can have them Made to Your Order

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but the style, fit, shape and value you'll get will surpass any thing to be found in the tailoring line in this town for nearly twice the money.

## Salling, Hanson Co.

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## A TIMELY SUGGESTION,

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Now is the best time for providing yourself with winter wearables.

Mens' made to order Suits and Overcoats; ready to wear Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Gloves, Neckwear and Sweater-coats.

Everything that is correct for Men, Women and Children.

Ladies' Coats, Skirts, Silk Waists, Net Waists, Petticoats, Underwear, Shoes and Hosiery.

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## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 26

### Local and Neighboring News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Fine Candles at Central Drug Store.

Special bargains in houses and vacant lots. Apply to Chas. S. Clark.

"Paradise Valley" at Opera House to-night. Don't miss it.

For Sale Cheap—A Pontiac Road wagon, nearly new. R. W. BRINK.

A complete line of pipes at reasonable prices at Central Drug Store.

Buy your cut glass and silver at Hathaway's.

"Paradise Valley" at Opera House to-night. Don't miss it.

Leave your orders for coal at S. H. Co's. store. Prices as low as anybody's.

Keep an eye on Hathaway's Ads. It will help you to select that Christmas present.

A letter from J. M. Little of Lisabula, Wash., says all are well, but would be glad to be back in old Michigan.

P. J. Mosher wants to buy all the fat cattle offered for sale in this market. See him.

The bake sale will continue every Saturday afternoon at Mr. Simpson's store.

St. Charles Coal, as genuine as any, \$4.50 per ton, delivered. Geo. Langevin.

S. H. Co., will fill your coal bin, if you leave your order at their store. It will pay you to order now.

St. Charles coal, as genuine as any, \$4.50 per ton, delivered. Geo. Langevin.

Simpson is the cheapest place to buy groceries and dry goods for cash. Come and get prices.

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For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price call at the AVALANCHE office.

FOR SALE—A good brown mare, about 1400 pounds, good worker. Address F. Howell, Sigbee, Mich.

For first-class lunches at reasonable prices go to Colleen's Restaurant, Opposite S. H. Co's store.

For Sale—A good milk cow giving 6 quarts of milk and coming fresh. A bargain. F. R. DECK ROW & SON.

Cold weather will soon be here and if you need any coal for winter, it will pay you to leave your order with S. H. Co.

For Sale—A few cords of dry Jack pine wood, cut green and dried one year per cord \$1.75. LEON J. STEPHAN, Grayling.

C. J. Hathaway left Wednesday afternoon to join his wife at Orion, Mich., to spend Thanksgiving. While away he will visit Detroit to purchase the balance of his Holiday stock.

Upon completion of the new I. O. O. F. building, a dancing school will be started. For particulars enquire of Fred Alexander.

Subscriptions taken for the Youths Companion, the greatest publication in the world for our young people, \$1.75 per year.

A first class work team, good drivers, with harness and wagon for sale, at less than value. Enquire at AVALANCHE OFFICE.

James Smith of Frederic, left for West Va., last Tuesday, to look over the timber and mineral holdings of the estate of David Ward. With his experience and hustling proclivities we expect he will do good work.

MAKE EASY MONEY home corresponding for newspapers; either sex; experience unnecessary; reporters and correspondents wanted in every section; send stamp for particulars. EMPIRE PRESS SYNDICATE, Middleport, N. Y.

Frank Potter, a Michigan Central engineer, was terribly scalded by escaping steam while working in the roundhouse here Thursday night, when a pipe in his engine burst. His recovery is considered doubtful. Potter's home is in Bay City.

The funeral of little Arthur Hathaway, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Hathaway took place at the home of M. A. Bates yesterday. His body had been brought from Hermantown, Mich., when he died Nov. 20th of convulsions. Aged 9 months 21 days Mrs. Hathaway will be remembered as Agnes Bates.

Captain Will F. Smith has purchased another eighty acres of Michigan land in Crawford county. Within two weeks two thousand acres have been sold there to actual settlers and the captain now has two hundred acres of the best land in the country. He is much elated over the prospects there and his many Webster City friends will hope the latest news may pay him even more than he anticipated. Webster City Journal, (Iowa.)

"Paradise Valley" at Opera House to-night. Don't miss it.

The price of Coal will advance November 26th. HENRY BATES.

Read the new Ad of the Grayling Merchantile Co.

Thanksgiving services at the Presbyterian Church at 10:30. Rev. R. H. Cunningham in the pulpit.

The Methodist Ladies will have their annual sale two days in the G. A. R. hall December 9th and 10th. Supper both nights.

The Ladies Section of the Farmer's Institute will be held at the G. A. R. Hall Friday, December 4th. Let every farmer's wife be in attendance. CARRIE FELDHAUSER.

The slaughter of the "innocents" can continue but a few days longer. It has been terrible for the past two weeks. It is estimated that over two hundred have been killed in this county.

Mrs. A. H. Amos has been with her parents, who are past eighty years of age, and are both in critical condition for the past three weeks at their home near Owosso. Report gives but little hope of their recovery.

There is a treat in store for the people of Frederic and vicinity. Saturday evening. The Grayling High School will put the "Merchant of Venice" on the boards at the Opera House. The play was a success at our Opera House, last week and was greeted by a full house.

Joe Burton, Wingard and Ehrhardt of Grayling and Mr. H. H. Hawley, M. A. Dellie and H. J. Seigfried, of Morenci, Mich., spent 10 days with J. A. Willets, 7 miles north of Johansburgh hunting, capturing squirrels, partridges, deer and bear. We have not space to publish details of the hunt, but any one of the party will tell you all about it and Wingard has photos of the game.

#### Presbyterian Church.

Thanksgiving Service, Thursday at 10:30, preaching by Rev. R. H. Cunningham.

Sabbath Services at 10:30. A sermon by Pastor; Topic "The Value of Prayer to the Christian Life."

Sabbath School at 12 m. A. B. Failing, Supt.

Christian Endeavor at 6 p.m.

Evening services at 7 p.m. Subject: "The Shadows We Cast."

J. HUMPHRY FLEMING, Pastor.

#### M. E. Church.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 1908.

Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath School at 11:45 a. m.

Epworth League at 6:00 p. m.

Preaching service 7:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:00.

On Sunday evening the Pastor will preach the tenth number of the series of sermons on the life and work of the prophet Elijah. Subject "A Young Man's Call." 1 Kings, 19: 20.

All are cordially invited.

E. G. JOHNSON, Pastor.

#### County Road Institute.

The county road joint institute for Crawford and Roscommon County will be held at Roscommon, on December 3, 1908 beginning at 10:00 a. m. Highway commissioners in attendance will receive their expenses and one day's pay. Everyone interested in the question of good roads is cordially invited to attend. The sessions will be held in connection with Farmer's Institute.

HORATIO S. EARLE, State Highway Commissioner.

#### M. P. Church.

(South Side)

Sunday, Nov. 29, 1908.

Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath School 11:30 a. m.

Junior League at 3 p. m.

Preaching service at 7 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, at 7 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

R. H. CUNNINGHAM, Pastor.

#### Estray Notice.

Jas. F. Crane of Jack Pine has lost eleven sheep. Was marked on hip with a redish brown paint at shearing time. Is very dim now. Some of them are last years lambs. Think there would be three in one lot and eight in the other, but may be divided up into smaller lots. The three have been gone six weeks and the eight about three weeks. Six or eight that answer their description were seen last week near Stecker bridge. Any one knowing where they are will please shut them up and notify me. I will pay for all trouble.

#### Sealed Proposals.

Sealed proposals will be received by James J. Colleen, Clerk of Crawford County, Mich., until 4 p. m. Jan. 4, 1909 for the construction of a two story brick County House. Plans may be seen at the office of said clerk and at the home of the Arch't. J. Fredericksen, Grayling, Mich. Certified Check \$100 with each bid. Bonds 30 percent of contract to be furnished by the successful bidder. Proposals for plumbing and steam heating of above building will be received at same date and hour, certified check of \$100 with each bid.

#### Local.

The Au Sable Forest Farm have built about 30 rods of board fence to protect their seeds beds on the Love place.

Mrs. Dr. Bush returned to Saginaw Tuesday.

The insurance adjuster was here to look over the Mc Callummore loss.

W. B. Chalkers was over after a load of shingles Saturday. Times are good, people can cover their buildings now.

Three men from Ohio are here for Xmas trees.

R. Edmonds was in town Friday.

Seventeen deer were shipped out Friday.

T. E. Douglas was called to Detroit Saturday by C. Ward.

The hunting party from Caro that camped near Jacob Truax got 13 deer. One of the party, Mr. Peterson had a paralytic stroke Friday. He was in a critical condition when they left for Caro.

Mrs. Shirts of Grayling was calling on Mrs. Schram Friday.

Dr. Kuapp was in Saturday with his auto, the congregational minister accompanied the Dr.

Joe Kraus has been quite ill at the home of Dr. Underhill. He has returned to Grayling.

The Au Sable Forest Farm are plowing on Sec. 24.

Mrs. Dr. Underhill gave a dinner at their residence, Saturday evening in honor of Miss Margaret Craddock, who will leave for her home in Detroit Tuesday that she will return and remain with us next summer. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hinton, Mrs. T. E. Douglas, Mrs. Rickhill, Mrs. Bessie, Miss Margaret Husted, Miss Lottie Owen, Miss E. De Frenna, Mr. Ray Owen, Mr. Clyde Winter, L. McCollummore, Earl Farren, Mike Mc Cormick, James Trickey and Glen Owen.

Mrs. Rockhill of Toledo is visiting her son, Ray Hinton, at the Dickinson Ranch.

G. F. Owen was at the county seat Saturday.

Mr. Shreve was up from the Palmer Ranch Monday.

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#### Hardgrove Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Purple buried their infant daughter Saturday.

E. Struble and Glen Bedtelyon, of West Branch, came to H. S. Buck's place to hunt, and went away Thursday, with one deer.

Charles Johnson got a deer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hennessy have moved to Morestown.

E. Peryalan and family have moved back to Hardgrove.

Mabel Woodburn went to Grayling, Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Buck, of Detroit, Nov. 16, a daughter.

H. S. Buck came very near losing his horse, Sunday, by choking.

Mrs. William Kirkby is on the sick list.

Frank Hardgrove went to Grand Rapids, Monday.

E. Hoy's consign, of Detroit, was here here hunting, returned home, Friday, with a fine deer.

#### Liquor Tax.

To the Clerk of Crawford County: The following is a statement of taxes collected or received by me upon the business of selling or keeping for sale or manufacture, distilled or brewed or malt liquors, or mixed liquors during the months of April and May 1908.

Joseph C. Burton, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid April 30th, \$500.00.

Wm. Fischer, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid April 30th, \$500.00.

Jas. C. Foreman, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid April 30th, \$500.00.

John Larson, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid April 30th, \$500.00.

John Benson, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid April 30th, \$500.00.

Christopher Hanson, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

Jeffery McMahon, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

Edward Sorenson, residence, Grayling, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Grayling, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

William Callahan, residence, Frederic, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Frederic, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

Theodore Jendron, residence, Frederic, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Frederic, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

John Rasmussen, residence, Johansburgh, retail dealer in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, place of doing business, Frederic, paid May 1st, \$500.00.

W. JORGENSEN, Treasurer of the County of Crawford, STATE OF MICHIGAN, I as

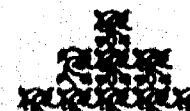
W. Jorgensen, Treasurer of said County, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is true and correct;

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, this 19th day of November, 1908.

JAMES J. COLLEEN, Notary Public.

ESTRAY—Came into my enclosure a red hayer, a year old past. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. Enquire at this office or of


MARY T. VALLAD.



# Remember!

It costs you less to buy dependable goods of us than it does to buy a risk. There isn't any thing on the market that will touch the bargains offered in our book of leaders. How does this strike you? Couches \$3.95, Morris Chairs \$3.95, Dining Chairs 65 cents each, Arm Rockers \$1.95 each, Bedroom suits \$13.85, Five piece Parlor Suits \$13.95. The above are only a few of the many wonderful values; they are sold strictly on mail order basis.

## Sorenson's Furniture Store.



Drugs. Patent Medicines.

# Central Drug Store

N. ROLSON PROPRIETOR  
"The Best Drugs."


## JUST RECEIVED!

—A fresh consignment of—  
**LOWNEY'S AND STRAUB BROS.**  
Candies in packages or bulk.

Bring us your Family Recipes. Prescription Work a Specialty.

**O. W. ROESER, Manager.**

Candy. Cigars.



# Mo-KA COFFEE

20¢ PER POUND.

Its Purity, Strength and Delicious Flavor

Commend it to All Lovers of Good Coffee.

Sold only in 1-lb. air-tight packages. Ask your Grocer for MO-KA Coffee.

### Wood Sawing.

I have a first class wood sawing outfit. If you don't believe it, put your buzz pile and ask me to prove it.

AUGUSTUS FUNCK.  
Pere Cheney, Mich.

### Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. E. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c. at Lewis & Co's drug store.

### STRAYED.

Strayed from my premises 4 spring calves 2 bulls and 2 heifers, one roan 2 red, one dark brown. Any information about them rewarded and expense paid.

N. A. JOHNSON,  
Maple Forest, Hardgrove P. O.

Many of our subscribers are allowing their subscriptions to get behind. The postal laws are very strict in regard to the mailing of papers to delinquent subscribers and we will have to discontinue all who get too far behind.

### Mind Your Business!

If you don't nobody will. It is your business to keep out of all the trouble you can and you can and will keep out of liver and bowel trouble if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They keep biliousness, malaria and jaundice out of your system. 25c. at Lewis & Co's drug store.

### R U From MISSOURI?

Then I am ready to show you my fine line of

## BRACELETS

It was clocks last week, now it is BRACELETS. All the latest styles from \$1.50 to \$9.50 each.

I am here with the goods

## R U

Ready to be Shown?

C. J. HATHAWAY,  
Watchmaker and Jeweler.

# 1-4 Off Sale!

On Ladies' Millinery and all Ladies' and Children's Coats, Suits, Skirts and Dresses.

The winter season has just begun, and this will be the best opportunity afforded you to get a Coat, Suit or Hat at 1-4 off regular prices.

The very latest styles shown in all garments.

Our Basement Department is rapidly filling with Holiday Goods.

Special bargains in Granite and Tinware. Call and inspect Articles we are selling for 5 and 10c.

## Grayling Mercantile Co.,

"The Quality Store."

# New Goods!

We have a fresh stock of all new goods on hand now since selling off old stock at the auction sale.

If in need of a first class Plow, Harrow, Cultivator, Wagon, Buggy, Cutter, Drill, Roller; or in fact any implement or tool, or hardware goods call on us and get the BEST at reasonable prices.

We are in business for your business and wish your trade. We shall continue in the Hardware and Implement business indefinitely at the old stand. See what we can do for you on a new Cutter.

## See us for Bargains.

# The S. B. Brott Implement Co.

Wellington, Michigan.

# FRESH FROM THE FIELD

MICHIGAN'S BEST PRODUCT

## Ideal Brand

# PURE BUCKWHEAT FLOUR

Pure, Dark, Old-Fashioned Article, we can furnish it at 45 cents per 10 pound sack.

Leave Us Your Order.

## S. S. PHELPS.

# Job Printing

At this office.



# The Avalanche

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MICHIGAN.

## STARTS FIRES TO SEE RESCUES.

Philadelphia, Women, Say Police, Confess to Many Crimes.  
Arrested on suspicion of having started several incendiary fires in dwellings and apartment houses, in Philadelphia, Mrs. Johanna Kelly, broke down under questioning and confessed, the police say, telling the remarkable story that she wanted not so much to see the engines as to look upon children and women being rescued from the burning houses. The train to fire the places, she said, seized her last December, and try as she would, she could not resist starting fires, and within ten days two houses were started at 1000 Calhoun street, a tenement house. Between December and April there were four fires at 232 North Tenth street. In both places there were a number of lodgers, including many women and children. The fact that the fires at both places occurred only while Mrs. Kelly lived there gave the fire marshal his first clue. Mrs. Kelly has been a hard-working woman.

## HOLD CITIZENS AT BAY.

Daylight Robbery at Attica, Ohio, Followed by a Massacre.  
Masked robbers held several citizens at bay in Attica, Ohio, while they blew open and robbed the safe of Remington & Sillcox of \$40,000 in cash. The citizens surrounded the store, but the safe crackers would not leave. One robber held the crowd back with a revolver at the front of the store, a second did likewise at the rear door, while the third continued to work at the safe. When the safe was opened and the money obtained, the robbers made a dash for the street, still leveling their revolvers at the crowd outside. A few shots were exchanged, but none was injured. The robbers escaped toward Chicago Junction. A posse quickly was formed and started in pursuit.

## BRITAIN BARS OUR CATTLE.

Shipments from United States Kept Out Because of Disease.  
The British board of agriculture has been informed officially of the extension of the foot-and-mouth disease among American cattle into the State of New York, and it has issued an order prohibiting the importation of cattle, hay or straw from New York or New Jersey. Prohibition of these products from Pennsylvania was announced the previous day. Prohibition of the importation of cattle from American ports creates the prospect of a serious shortage in the meat supply of Great Britain, a consequent rise in prices to the consumer.

## Opium Smuggled Into Manila.

Evidence of an extensive plot to smuggle opium into Manila from China have been discovered. A fortnight ago workmen employed on the military buildings at Camp Stotsenberg discovered a quantity of opium concealed in cement which had been shipped from Hongkong. Workmen engaged on the Manila fort opened a supposed barrel of cement and found it to be half full of opium.

## Two Die in Calumet River.

A plunge into the Calumet river, causing the death of a man and a woman, brought to an end early the other morning an automobile ride of a party of Chicago merry-makers. Six other men and women, the remainder of the group, had a narrow escape, being rescued from the icy waters by two witnesses of the accident.

## Lodge Gets Famous Bible.

A copy of the famous "Breeches Bible," published in London in 1590, and said to be the identical book on which George Washington was obligated as a master Mason, was the other night restored to Lodge of Antiquity No. 1, Q. R. A. F. and A. M., in Montreal, the oldest Masonic lodge in Canada, to which it originally belonged.

## Ends His Life on Steamship.

John Kraus, formerly a special agent of the Pacific State and Sunset Telegraph Company of San Francisco, committed suicide in the cabin on the steamship Adriatic while the vessel was coming from Cherbourg to Queenstown, Ireland. He cut his throat, using two safety razors.

## Soldier Confesses Killing Woman.

Benjamin Lee, a private of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry, stationed at Fort Ontario, N. Y., gave himself up to the civil authorities, alleging that he had murdered Emma Leisher, with whom he had lived. The woman's throat was cut.

## Army Officer Drops Dead.

Lieut. Otto Brauner, Glimm, Signal Corps, United States army, dropped dead in a drug store in Long Beach, Cal. Papers found in his pockets showed that he was on sick leave, that his home was formerly in Cleveland, and that he had been stationed in Omaha.

## Wreck Bank and Get \$5,000.

The Bank of Sweet Springs, at Sweet Springs, Mo., was robbed of \$5,000 in currency at 3 o'clock Sunday morning by professional cracksmen, who blew open the vault with dynamite. The bank building was wrecked.

## Labor Federation Re-elects Gompers.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at the Denver convention, and Daniel J. Keefe withdrew his candidature for the executive committee.

## Big Cotton Mills Resume.

The Union Buffalo Cotton Mills in Union, S. C., have orders to run each of the three plants to the fullest capacity. This places in operation 17,000 spindles and 800 looms, idle during the summer. The mills employ 2,000.

## Slays Fellow Convict in Prison.

Frank Lamler, a white convict in the State prison in Stillwater, Minn., was stabbed through the heart and instantly killed by James Cunningham, a negro convict, in the prison hospital. The murder was apparently unprovoked.

## Section Hands Meet Death.

Four Greek section hands were killed and four others were seriously injured when the Downers Grove express on the Burlington road, loaded with suburban passengers, crashed into a hand car near Highland, seventeen miles west of Chicago, at 7:30 o'clock the other morning.

## Found Dead in Hotel Room.

Seated upright in a chair by the side of his bed, the body of Charles H. Sawyer, a traveling salesman of Jackson, Mich., was found in a room at his hotel in Grand Rapids. Death probably was caused by heart disease.

## Kaiser's Talk of War Fused.

German Emperor Said to Have Declared Strife Inevitable.

The New York World publishes what it says is an accurate and authentic synopsis of the now world celebrated interview granted by Kaiser Wilhelm to Dr. William Bayard Hale, and which was suppressed at the request of the German government. Summarized, the main points of the Kaiser's interview, which took place on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern off Bergen, Norway, are as follows:

That King Edward of Great Britain had been humiliating him for more than two years and that he was exasperated; that Germany was the paramount power in all Europe, and that England was trying to neutralize that power.

That he held France in the hollow of his hand, and that Russia was of no account since the disastrous war she had waged with Japan.

That if the Pan-European war which has been so much talked about was inevitable the sooner it came the better it would be for him, because he was ready and was tired of the suspense.

That Great Britain had been a decadent nation ever since her victory over the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, because hers was an unrighteous, ungodly cause, and divine judgment was bound eventually to overtake the powerful nation that waged such a war.

That the Anglo-Japanese alliance was an iniquitous alliance against all the white races, England proving absolutely her faithlessness as a Christian nation; that Japan was honeycombed India with sedition and flooding it with spies while professing openly to be England's friend and ally.

That the only way to counteract this alliance was for Germany and America to act together at an early date or America would have to fight the Japanese in ten months.

That in the event of a great war England would lose many of her large colonies, especially those in the Pacific, and that all he would take for Germany would be Egypt, though he would liberate the holy land from the yoke of infidel, presumably meaning the Sultan.

That the perfecting of the Zeppelin dirigible balloon would give Germany a powerful vantage in war, and she was ready to make use of it to the fullest extent.

Leonard Wood in Command.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood, upon his recent arrival at New York from Europe, relieved Gen. Grant as commander of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island. Gen. Wood said he was glad to be home again after his six years in the Philippines. Speaking of the war manuevers which he witnessed in France and Germany, he said that dirigible balloons were an unequalled success in Europe, and that it was a common thing to see them maneuvering in the sky in Germany, and that the time was coming when they would be protected from shot from below. The aeroplanes, he said, was bound to come after the dirigible, and would probably prove more efficient. The Wright brothers he called the leaders as aeroplanists. Gen. Wood described the conditions in the Philippines as peaceful and prosperous, but said there would be even more prosperity if trade relations with this country were better. He thought Philippines products should be admitted into this country free, that it was hard for farmers to raise crops under the American flag and then have to pay duty on them. Philippine scouts, he said, were among the finest soldiers in the world.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRE.

G. P. Engelhardt has returned to New York from Guatemala with specimens of the stingless bee.

F. L. De la Barra has been appointed to succeed Enrique Creel as Mexican ambassador to Washington.

Thomas McGrath, a St. Louis election official, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for making false returns.

The Rev. Dr. Myron W. Haynes, formerly of Chicago, has resigned the pastorate of the Delmar Avenue Baptist church in St. Louis. He says enemies have hounded him.

Col. William F. Tucker, husband of the daughter of Gen. John A. Logan, will have to undergo an operation for Bright's disease, according to a statement issued by his physician.

J. W. Solomon, a Salt Lake City line man, narrowly escaped death when he fell from a pole among broken wires charged with 4,000 volts. He picked his way through the deadly wires to safety.

It is understood that a movement has been started to depose R. L. Borden from the leadership of the Canadian conservative party in favor of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper.

Miss Elsie Dutton, aged 20, daughter of H. E. Dutton, an official of the Green Bay and Western railroad, was killed in a collision between an auto and a street car.

A special medical board at Manila has notified the commander of the American cruisers in the harbor there that should leave in new sailing vessel to the improved conditions in the quarter of the city afflicted with cholera.

## PRISON DOOR CLOSES ON A \$750,000 FORGER

Prominent Chicago Real Estate Dealer Gives Up and Confesses to Huge Swindles.

## SENTENCE IS 1 TO 14 YEARS.

Skilful Juggling of Bogus Notes and Deeds Dupes 25 Persons and Extends Over 18-Year Period.

Confessing his authorship of an endless chain of forgeries involving more than \$750,000, Peter Van Vilsingen, for many years a prominent Chicago real estate man and once reputed wealthy, was indicted, tried and sentenced to the penitentiary Monday afternoon for a term of from one to fourteen years. The amazing revelations of how a man who ranked high among his associates could carry out a gigantic swindle in which he victimized more than a score of persons—a number of them close friends—out of \$750,000, came like a thunderbolt. He first confessed to his crime Saturday to two friends. At noon Monday the case was presented to the State's Attorney, and thereafter steps toward sending Van Vilsingen to a felon's cell were taken with remarkable rapidity.

The confession of the real estate man revealed a scheme of systematic and cunning forgery of notes and real estate trust deeds and mortgages extending over a period of eighteen years. For years Van Vilsingen practiced a system of forgery that did not arouse suspicion. Even his own nephew, John A. Vanderpool, his chief clerk, was wholly ignorant of the swindles being perpetrated almost under his eyes.

Van Vilsingen's scheme was to loan money and take a mortgage or trust deed as security. The notes and securities would be made out in due form signed, approved by Vanderpool, and recorded with the county recorder. Van

now. Common brick was quoted in Chicago for \$5.10 to \$5.25 in 1907. The prices run \$5.10 to \$5.25 there today. The saving on domestic cement in Chicago is 34.6 per cent, and in New York about 30 per cent. Plumbing rates are down about 25 per cent from the figures of the first of the year. Hand-ware for domestic purposes is about 20 per cent cheaper. So it goes throughout the list of materials.

To Make the Negro Work.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman, in the American Journal of Sociology, offers as a solution of the negro problem that the whole body of our negro population that is in a degenerate condition from whatever causes be organized into a great industrial army, controlled by the State and under strict military discipline. This army should have uniforms, decorations, titles, ceremonies and a careful system of grading, membership to be a sign of honor and advancement. Enough should be placed upon farms to provide for the entire body, and the farms should be in themselves schools of efficiency. Others should be placed in shops and mills to do the rest and provide other articles of necessity. But the main occupation of the great organization would be in the construction of better roads. Mrs. Gilman argues that with kind, firm, treatment, good living, reasonable hours and the absence of the strain of personal initiative which tells upon the negro in ordinary life competition, a great amount of useful work and betterment could be thus performed. But as fast as the individuals proved their capacity to work under their own initiative, they should be graduated with honor, thus the institution being compulsory at the bottom and free at the top.

A road made from sand and sawdust is the latest style of roadmaking designed by George W. Conney, Minnesota State highway engineer. Last spring he made a section of road with clover and rye on a sand foundation. This has been very successful. The road made from sand and sawdust is at Cambridge, in Isanti county. Four inches of sawdust were raked on the sand road after being graded. The sand was worked into the sand by passing teams, and as fast as ruts are formed the sawdust was raked into the ruts, so be further mixed with sand.

In the Onark mountain region, where bitter rot and other diseases had become so bad that farmers were becoming fearful lest they lose their orchards, the government showed them how to apply methiod which have resulted in the saving of about 90 per cent of the crop wherever intelligently applied.

Handreds of pounds of dynamite have been exploded in the North river at New York to learn whether Mrs. Julius Fleischman committed suicide by drowning. She disappeared from home and was last seen near the banks of the river.



PETER VAN VILSINGEN.

## GOOD TIME TO BUILD.

Prices of Material Are Low and Contractors Are Anxious for Work.

Country Life in America has been looking up the building situation and as a result declares that there has not been such another chance in years for people to build cheaply and well. The prices of material have fallen so low, contractors are anxious to obtain work, and labor is so ready to jump at the chance of assured wages, that a saving of from 10 to 20 per cent in cost, depending on the section of the country, can be made in all domestic architecture. Lumber is lower now than it will probably ever be again. Brick is almost a drug on the market. Good workmen are not yet busy and are hard to find. In some localities, according to the magazine, the conditions are so improved for the person about to erect a home that he can do so 10 to 10 per cent better than in 1907. However, these extremes are unusual and occur in only a few sections.

The American Lumberman declares that prices are from 20 to 25 per cent lower on lumber in the west and south than they will be in a few months. Brick is 25 per cent under last year's schedules. Grades which brought \$7 and \$8 in New York in October, 1907, are selling at \$4.50 and \$5 a thousand.

The last session was also made notable by the adoption of resolutions which make it certain that the missionary work of the Catholic church in the United States and Canada is to be carried forward henceforth by a great national organization. The missionary congress is to become a fixture in the church and will be held hereafter either annually or biennially, this point to be decided later. It is not unlikely that the next congress may be held in Canada.

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of receivers in the Federal Court several days ago. Following this came the transfer to two local banks of the Deposits, Savings and Trust Company of which the Mayor was president. It is said this action was precipitated by the threats of Mr. Johnson's individual creditors to file suits to obtain payment on notes indorsed by the Mayor.

Small Dealers on the Wane.

Recent reports of the commercial agencies show that 8 per cent of the failures since the panic conditions began to be felt had a capital of \$5,000 or less and that 11 per cent were capitalized at from \$5,000 to \$30,000. The failures for nine months are greater than in any corresponding period since 1893. The failures for the first nine months of this year number 10,691, with liabilities aggregating \$244,835,000. This is an increase of 55 per cent in the number and of 110 per cent in the total liabilities as compared with the first nine months of 1907. Dun's Review attributes the slowness of the recovery in part to the weakness of the other day, as many people are deferring orders until they know which party is to have the responsibility of the government for the next four years.

One of the first outward consequences of the decision to confer with the other powers as to the Italian situation was the news that the British cabinet had determined to abandon its policy of limiting armaments and to resume naval construction and army increase on a large scale. Premier Asquith before the reassembled Parliament the other day insisted that treaties must be regarded as binding and that Great Britain could not recognize an alteration made by one of the parties to a treaty.

Lookout Inn, on the crest of Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn., burned the other day. Loss \$300,000. Six cottages near the inn were destroyed. The station house at the top of the incline railroad was also burned, as was a portion of the trestle on the face of the bluff.

The second news from the Netherlands demanding the revocation of the Venezuelan decree against transshipment of goods at Curacao for Venezuelan ports has been met with a refusal by President Castro, who has completed arrangements for the defense of La Guaira.

## CATHOLIC CONGRESS IN CHICAGO

Most Distinguished in the History of the Church in America.

The Catholic Missionary Congress, which was convened in Chicago, was the most distinguished gathering of Catholics ever held in the new world. There were present at the congress 7 archbishops, 50 bishops, 7 mitred abbots, 1 prefect apostolic, 12 monsignors, superiors of the various teaching and preaching orders, 600 priests and thousands of distinguished laymen. They were present from all parts of the United States, from Canada and Porto Rico.

The congress was the development of an idea of Most Rev. James Edward Quigley, archbishop of Chicago. Less than three years ago he was instrumental in forming the Catholic Church Extension Society—a movement that has for its object the furtherance of missions among the poor and sparsely settled districts of the United States, and at the head of which is Rev. Francis C. Kelley, D. D., of Lapeer, Mich. The work accomplished by this society during its brief existence has been fruitful in results, no fewer than 200 new churches having been established, and this movement led to the congress which met in Chicago.

At the congress Pope Pius X. had his personal representative, Most Rev. Diomedo Falconio, who gave his sanction and approval to its deliberations and conclusions.

The closing session was marked by a spirited defense of the Catholic church to the recent charge of a Lutheran conference in the East of a Baptist Union in Philadelphia, that Catholics are opposed to the spirit of democratic institutions, the defense being uttered in impassioned style by W. Bourke Cockran of New York. There was a tornado of applause throughout the assembly and again while Mr. Cockran was talking.

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## ROCKEFELLER KILLS OIL RIVALS.

Rockefeller Cheerfully Tells How Competitors Were Driven Out.

John D. Rockefeller's own story of his fortunes and the history of the birth of the great Standard Oil Company, was listened to with breathless interest by a large crowd that jammed the courtroom at the hearing before Referee Franklin Ferris in New York Thursday. With seeming candor he told how and why the combination was created, and cheerfully admitted that it secured rebates from the railroads which enabled it to drive competitors out of business.

It was the final reply of the oil company that have been made for years, the revelations of Miss Ida Tarbell, the fulminations of caustic orators, the charges in newspapers, and the remarkable letters of John D. Archbold that injured Senator Foraker and smirched half a dozen statesmen.

In answer to questions by John G. Milburn, his counsel, Mr. Rockefeller told how his combination reached out its tentacles for more and more refineries of rivals, and fattened on them for ten years or more, till it became strong enough to change into what became the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. Between 1872 and 1882 the Rockefeller combine bought and bought rivals. When it was strong enough it organized them all into one concern. The oil king said that the company was constantly reaching out for more refineries and more markets.

It bought refineries to get them out of competition and to get their business. That is the way H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold went into the company. They were bought up. Both were strong, brilliant and bold. The Rockefeller combine had to get them out of the way; it absorbed their rival concerns and them at the same time. Mr. Rockefeller snatched up the American Lubricating Company, and once in that field he looked around for more lubricating companies. Before his rivals appreciated what had been done, his combine controlled most of these concerns that had done business between 1870 and 1880.

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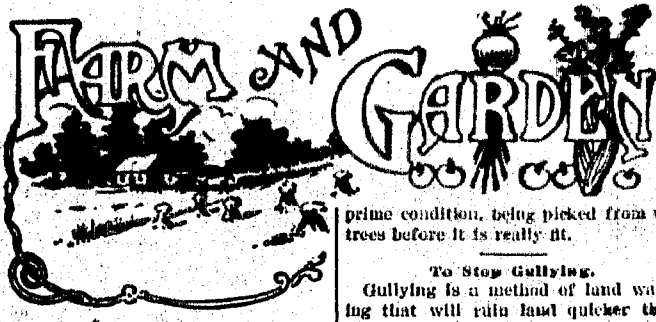
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Feed the soil and it will feed you. Starve the soil and it will starve you.

To get the best flavored milk the cow should be fed nothing until after milking.

The man who relies on luck for the main part of his crop will have an easy time harvesting.

It may be wise to encourage the sheep to eat freely to add a little grain in the form of oats.

The incubator never "flies the coop" and never changes its mind. It is on the job all the time. Not so the cranky hen.

We must not lose sight of the fact that a cow must earn her board for the entire year before she can begin to show profit.

The horse that is "all legs" is not the one you want. Try to get those that are well set, neither too long legs nor too long bodies.

It is easy to hang up your harness if you once get into the habit of it. How many farmers do you know that drop them on the floor?

Prayer may bring rain, but the lively cultivator and the persistent hoe will make a dust which will keep the moisture in the ground.

More than 1,000 acres of watermelons were planted last spring between Pensacola and River Junction, Fla., a distance of only a few miles.

The fowl that begins to molt during August or September has a much better chance to survive the winter than the one that begins in the late fall.

Wood ashes may be applied at the rate of 25 to 50 bushels to the acre. One ton of good wood ashes will contain about 140 pounds of phosphoric acid.

All dairy products are intended for human food and it is only justice to our fellow beings that we do our part to insure a clean and wholesome article of diet.

Use well-rotted manure on the garden plot. If you have not done so before, working it well into the surface 4 or 7 inches of the soil. Do not delay this matter any longer.

In feeding ensilage it is essential that the silos be far enough from the stable to eliminate all danger of the milk absorbing the odor of the ensilage when it is thrown out of the silo.

It has been found that fowls with deep, angular breast bones have to be fed longer to make them look well, and they consume considerably more feed than those having uniform breast bones.

To build and maintain a dairy farm would seem to be an easy task, yet there is more in the man than the surroundings. There are but a few first-class dairymen and they have dairies corresponding.

Some people who refuse to pay \$2 a sitting for fertile eggs from pure-blooded stock, and take their chances of getting them at the grocery store, sometimes get eggs that won't hatch. The breeder knows why.

A Kansas man recently sold forty head of Hereford yearling heifers at \$40.70. They yielded a net profit of \$20 per head. They were bought as weanlings, roughed until last July, then fed for about ten months on alfalfa and corn.

What we need in producing good dairy products is economy, vigilance and common sense whether the product is being sold to the city trade, made into butter on the farm, sold to the creamery, condensed or the cheese factory.

If the droppings of the fowls are not in normal condition give a teaspoonful of soda water (bicarbonate) to each affected bird. In making the water use three heaping teaspoons of soda to a pint of water. Follow with a 1-grain quinine pill each night for three nights in succession.

In keeping track of the family expenses it is well to have all items of merchandise charged, with payments monthly or quarterly, or pay cash for all items as soon as ordered. Where a mixed system of payment is followed there are likely to be confusion and more or less misunderstanding as between patron and merchant.

While the clearing up of the patches of small trees and brush along the roadsides and fence rows and in the pastures may tend to improve the landscape from the aesthetic point of view, it means the destruction of just as many places of shelter for the bird life of the locality, which is an even more important consideration than the improving of the landscape.

The grape fruit, which is of the color of a lemon and of the shape of an orange, though considerably larger, gets its name from the fact that the fruit as borne on the tree is clustered much as are grapes on their stem. This fruit is not at its best until the second year after picking, when it is really too ripe for shipment, which accounts for the fact that relatively so little of it is shipped to eastern markets and for the further fact that so little of that which is shipped is in

## AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY ACTIVE

How Is the Support for Nearly Half a Million People.

Interesting statistics have been collected to show the surprising growth and magnitude of the automobile industry in this country. The present capital in this business is \$34,200,000, with \$40,000,000 invested in standard trades and \$57,000,000 in garages and retail salesrooms, making a total of \$131,200,000 in a business unknown ten years ago. More than 58,000 persons are employed in automobile factories throughout the country, 20,000 others are employed indirectly in making parts and another 21,500 in garages and salesrooms, making a total of more than 100,000 employees. This industry, therefore, is the support of nearly half a million people.

There are 253 builders of automobiles in the United States. The output last year was about 62,000 cars, the largest in the history of the industry, which to date has turned out nearly 200,000 machines. Careful estimates for the coming year place the output at 75,000 cars, of which four factories will produce about half and one alone 12,000 cars.

In the history of this trade \$28,300,000 worth of foreign cars have been imported, but America is exporting far more than she imports. Eight years ago sales of American cars reached less than \$3,000,000; last year they were more than \$105,000,000.



Teamsters at Emporia, Kan., have formed a union.

Dye-workers at Minneapolis, Minn., recently organized.

Operative Plasterers' International Union has joined the A. F. of L.

Retail clerks at McAlester, Okla., have obtained a reduction in working hours.

Albany (N. Y.) labor unions have elected and opened a tuberculosis pavilion.

The various central bodies of Orange county, New York, have joined a county labor union.

A reorganization of the building trades unions has been brought about in Buffalo, N. Y., after many years of warfare.

The labor unions of Sacramento, Cal., are working energetically for the erection of a building trades temple in that city.

It has been decided by the leather workers to make a universal demand for the eight-hour day within the next two years.

United Brewery Workmen of America have a cash surplus on hand of \$97,822.41 and an investment in municipal bonds of \$300,000.

A new labor law passed by the State of Oklahoma orders that all school books issued to the children of that State must bear the union label.

Additional death benefits of \$250 for a membership of seven or more years and \$500 for one of ten or more years have been established by the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers.

The Appellate division of the New York Supreme Court, second department, has decided that a contract made by a corporation with a labor union, whereby only union men shall be employed should be upheld as valid and binding.

Bakers and Confectioners' International Union has adopted a plan to fully organize all the large cities of the United States, with the idea of having a membership of 100,000 within a stated time. The present membership is 34,582.

Paper mills, of which there are eight in India, employ 4,700 persons, but this is not at present a progressive industry, as European wood pulp paper is largely imported. There is a prospect of the establishment of wood pulp manufacture in India.

The Women's Club of Magnolia, Miss., is said to be the only one of its kind in existence. It has a membership of something more than 300, all women employed as workers in the hotels, boarding houses and residences of the summer population of that resort.

In Russia, where over fifty men are employed in one mine, it is provided that "every colliery must have a rescue corps trained to work in irrespirable gases"; that "the number of men in each corps must be equivalent to 4 per cent of those engaged in the largest pit or shaft work"; and that "the number of completely equipped sets of breathing apparatus at each colliery must not be less than three."

The Australian Parliament appropriated \$300,000 for the increase of the teachers' salaries, and the men teachers attempted to get the whole amount applied to themselves. The members of the Women's Progressive Association, all of them voters, did not see the logic of such a division of the appropriation, and objected to it so strongly that the men were forced to share the money with them.

There is a movement in the East on the part of a number of labor unions to eliminate from their respective constitutions the clause which bars the discussion of politics at meetings of the organizations. The leaders in this direction assert that they are moved to this action by the changed conditions in the country, and demand that such a step must be taken for the better protection of organized labor.

The Cigar-makers' International Union of America will not hold a convention this year. An amendment to the constitution designed to make a convention possible has been defeated in the referendum by the narrow majority of 200.

The validity of that section of the labor law providing that no workmen upon public work shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in one calendar day is upheld by the New York Court of Appeals. The court in substance holds that a violation of this law is justification for the withholding of payments for such work from contractors.

A school for wives is the latest undertaking of Chicago club women. Courses will be given in the making of clothes, cooking, household economics and general housekeeping. The idea is to make good housewives and to make them through organized and unified effort.

What promises to be the largest and in many respects the most important annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is scheduled to open in Denver on Friday, Nov. 9. The novel feature of the program will be an exhibition of the progress of labor in the various States, embracing a visit to the Union Printers' House as the guests of the International Typographical Union.

## NEWS OF MICHIGAN

### VETERAN CAN STILL SHOOT.

Old Time Sharpshooter Drops Victim With One Bullet.

There was consternation when a vicious bull belonging to George Jarvis of Cornum was let loose and ran madly down the road. Knowing that the animal would gore any one who came in his way, Jarvis telephoned all the farmers along the road that the bull had taken to be on the look-out. One of the neighbors thus warned was Justice of the Peace Peacock, who was sharpshooter in the Civil War and is a noted deer hunter. Taking down his trusty rifle, the justice stationed himself beside the road. Presently along came the bull, snorting, bellowing and defiantly tossing his head. The veteran sharpshooter proved that he had lost none of his old time skill. Taking careful aim, he fired and the crazed animal dropped with a bullet wound squarely between his eyes.

### DAMNED OVER BURNING BRIDGE.

Six Trainmen Miss Death by Margin of a Few Seconds.

Daunting over a burning bridge, a mile west of Yale, a Pere Marquette freight train and its crew of six men missed being plunged into the bottom of a 90-foot gully by a few seconds' margin. A few seconds' burning bush set fire to the wooden bridge and the operator at Yale did not hear of it until after the freight had passed the station. The engineer discovered the bridge in flames too late to stop his train and pulling the throttle wide open, shot his train into the blazing structure. The last car had barely cleared the bridge when the structure gave way and fell to the gully, sending up a shower of sparks. The next morning a gang of 100 men set to work building a new bridge.

### ORPHAN BY CRIME OF FATHER.

Mrs. Jacob Sikkema Shot by Drunken Husband Who Kills Himself.

Maddened by excessive drink, the culmination of a protracted spree, Jacob Sikkema, aged 30, fired a bullet into the neck of his wife, Jennie, aged 17, at their home in Grand Rapids, then turning his weapon on himself, sent a bullet into his own brain, causing instant death. Mrs. Sikkema died at Butterworth hospital. The bullet had entered the back of her neck, tearing the tissues of the throat, penetrating the windpipe and came out through her chin, shattering the lower jaw in three places. The brutal deed was committed while Mrs. Sikkema was at work in the kitchen, and while her little two months' old baby was asleep in the cradle in an adjoining room.

### BLAZE STARTS IN FACTORY.

\$25,000 Fire Sweeps Whole Block at Erwin, U. P.

Fire broke out in the Bishop cigar factory at Erwin and before it was extinguished wiped out the whole block on the east side of Main street, from the depot to James Norton's store. The loss is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with partial insurance. The Grant hotel, with contents, Garvin's store building, opera house, Odd Fellows' hall, cigar factory and Congregational hall were all destroyed. All the stores and postoffice were located on the west side of the street. This is the second time the town has had a bad fire. In 1893, the whole business portion was completely wiped out.

### SON SEEKS TO KEEP PAY.

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Alleges Cruel Treatment by Father.

Alleging that his father has cruelly treated him, causing him to leave home, Christ Hamann, 16 years old, yet earning a man's wages of \$2.30 a day as a fitter in the Auburn mine, has asked the Circuit Court in Bay City to enjoin his father from collecting his pay from his employers. Although compelled to turn over his wages, the boy alleges that his father not only cruelly beat him, but refused to permit his mother and sister to put up his dinners or to mend his clothes for him. He finally ran away from home, and now seeks to prevent his father from collecting his hard-earned wages.

### IMPALED ON PITCHFORK.

Alpine Township Farmer Dead as Result of Injuries.

Philip Vogel of Alpine township died as the result of injuries received several days ago. He had been working on a farm when he lost his balance and fell into the ground. He alighted on the handle of a pitchfork, which was stuck in the earth at the foot of the stack, and the blunt wooden shaft pierced his abdomen. Vogel was impaled on the wooden handle until the men who were working with him came to his assistance. He was 57 years of age, and is survived by a widow and three children.

### BREAK REGISTER FOR \$50.

Burglars Overlook Safe Left Open in Kalamazoo Grocery Store.

With the safe half open and containing more than \$500 in money, burglars overlooked it in the J. L. Minifline grocery store in Kalamazoo, and used a rock to break the cash register for \$50 which it contained. Mr. Minifline forgot to close it and lock his safe at night and found it just as he had left it. The safe is at the side of the counter on which the cash register is located.

### Loose Hand in Corn Husker.

Frank Dennison, 30 years old, a farmer of Big Beaver, lost his right hand in a corn husker, it being severed at the wrist. He was taken to a Detroit hospital. He is unmarried and lives with his mother and a sister.

### Heart at Football Game Sees.

William J. Carroll of Jackson has started suit against the University of Michigan Athletic Association for \$15,000, alleging he received injuries at the time of the falling of the bleachers in the Wisconsin game in November, 1903.

### To Reclaim Celery Island.

Plans were perfected at Kalamazoo for the reclaiming of over 1,000 acres of celery land by a drainage system which will be constructed early in the spring. Just southwest of the city is located the Comstock marsh, now partly under water. A recent survey of the property was made for the drain.

### Infant Scalded to Death.

As the result of pulling over on to her a dish containing boiling water, the 15-month-old daughter of Thomas Simile, is dead at Colville. The child was scalded in shocking manner.

### STORE RIDDLED WITH SHOT.

Attempted Assassination in Sawyer Result of Long Feud.

What is construed to be an attempt on the life of David Knecht, residing in the village of Sawyer, is seen in a shooting affair early on a recent morning, and which has succeeded in stirring the villagers up to a high degree of excitement. Knight keeps a store at Sawyer. About 1 o'clock in the morning an unknown person fired two shots from a double-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot through the store front and into the life of Knecht. The shot raked the little store front and into the life of Knecht. The party who fired the shot believed the room inhabited possibly by Knight. Sawyer is torn by rival factions, and it is believed the shooting is the outgrowth of an intense and bitter hatred which a long-standing feud has engendered. Sheriff Tennant is investigating.

### GIRL POISONS HERSELF.

Yale School Teacher's Body Found in Field After Search.

After receiving a letter from her parents, who live in Cleveland, Ohio, which she tore in small pieces, Miss Ethel Spitzer, a school teacher at Yale, left her boarding house and, after buying a bottle of cyanide of potassium, drank the contents in a nearby field. Death is supposed to have been almost instantaneous. The young woman's body was found after a prolonged search, participated in by almost the entire village. Miss Spitzer had removed all valuables, such as watch, rings and other jewelry, before leaving her room. Miss Spitzer told no one what the fatal letter contained.

### SOUND OWN DEATH KNELL.

Battle Creek Carpenter Killed by Falling Joist.

When William Moore, a builder's assistant in Battle Creek, told his co-worker, Henry Derby, to ease up on a 30-foot joist the other afternoon, he sounded his own death knell. His support weakened, the joist crashed down on Moore's skull and with a sigh, "Oh, Hank," he died almost instantly. His head was horribly crushed. Derby and Moore were working under Macomber & Johnston's drug store on Marshall street, which had been raised on its foundation. Moore was unmarried and about 35 years old.

### Farmer Is Robbed.

While William Mason, a farmer who lives near Escanaba, was returning home along the Ford river road he was held up by two masked men. The robbers took all the money he had on his person. Then they gagged him and tied him to a tree. Mason managed to free himself after considerable time and returned to Escanaba to report the affair to the police. The latter have no clue to the robbers as yet.

### Thirteen-Child Dies on Thirteenth.

Laurence Funke, the thirteenth child of Brewmaster Funke of the Furniture City Brewing Company, died in Grand Rapids Friday, the 13th. She had been ill but one day. All of Funke's other children are dead.

### BRIEF STATE HAPPENINGS.

Gold has been discovered along the banks of the Grand river, near Grand Haven.

E. G. Johnson was elected school commissioner by the chairman of the township school inspection boards at Baldwin.

Fred Clay, living four miles southeast of Morris, went to his barn and while getting down hay from the hay loft in his barn fell and broke his leg.

Slas Hare of Kentucky is the fourth victim of hunting accidents in Chippewa county since the deer season opened. Hare was a gray sweater, and was mistaken for a deer by A. Benson of Cross Village. He was shot through the arm.

State Game Warden Pierce sent Deputy G. K. Hoyt of Muskegon to White Lake to investigate the triple drowning of game wardens. The authorities suspect foul play from the colony of illegal fishermen. Wholesale arrests will be made.

At the annual Michigan union banquet at the University of Michigan Clarence W. Barbour, representing the Michigan alumni in New York, announced that plans had been perfected and funds subscribed for the erection of a \$300,000 dormitory with an immense commons or eating room in Ann Arbor. The dormitory will be a six-story building, capable of housing 250 to 300 men. The commons will be a one-story building with a capacity for boarding 1,000 students. The land has been acquired and the plan approved by the university senate.

Mistaken for a deer and shot down by one of his hunting companions in the wilds of Isoco county, Norman Emmons, 35 years old, a farmer of Ellington, Tuscola county, will probably die. There were four in the party and they had surrounded a thicket in which a deer had been started. Elvin Batted in a movement in the brush and supposing it was the deer fired. The bullet struck Emmons in the chest, penetrating the lung and coming out at the back. His companions constructed a litter of tree limbs and carried the wounded man to their camp. Later the hunters secured a team and came to Hale, where Emmons was attended by a physician and then taken home by train. Emmons has a wife and two children.

Captain George Bartley, a veteran lake captain, died at his home at Ford River, aged 73 years. He retired seven years ago, after sailing the lakes for over forty years.

David Friedland and Otto Davigowski of Toledo, charged with horse stealing, were bound over to the Circuit Court by Justice Matthews in Monroe. Bail was fixed at \$2,000.

Irene, the 4-year-old daughter of E. B. Bingham, of Kingsley, lost her right thumb in a peculiar manner. While carrying a sharp stick of wood the child fell, the wood clipping off the thumb.

While hunting Earl Morris, son of the proprietor of the Central hotel in Port Huron, was shot in the right thigh. Two of his fingers were also blown off when a gun in the hands of one of the party was accidentally discharged. The man who did the shooting kept his identity a secret.

Smiling at the thought of rescue, after his head had once been free from a covering of earth in Battle Creek, John P. Bernquist, a plumber, was completely surprised by a second case. When his head was again uncovered it was white and marked with death. The most vigorous efforts at resuscitation failed.

## POSTAL DEFICIT IS LARGE.

Receipts Were \$191,478,033 and Expenditures \$208,351,556.

Postmaster General Meyer announced that the postal deficit for the fiscal year, ended June 30 amounted to \$10,010,270. Receipts were \$191,478,033, being \$7,893,057 greater than in the previous year, and expenditures were \$208,351,556. The deficit is the largest in the history of the Postoffice Department.

An analysis of the figures shows that \$9,801,321 represents the advance in pay authorized by Congress for employees of the railway mail service, the rural delivery and the city delivery service and for assistant postmasters and clerks in postoffices. The normal increase in revenue for several years was about 9 per cent and in 1905 4.29 per cent, the decrease in the rate of growth being due to the financial depression.

The Postmaster General said that in his annual report he would call the attention of Congress to the fact that he is "firmly convinced that the establishment of a special local parcels post confined to rural routes would tend to wipe out the postal deficit and would make the rural delivery self-sustaining, besides being of convenience to the farmer and a boon to retail country merchants."

There are now in operation more than 30,000 rural routes, he said, serving a population of about 18,000,000 people, and should an average of fifty-five pounds of merchandise be carried by the rural carrier on each trip throughout the year it is estimated that \$15,000,000 would be realized. The rate would be 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional one up to eleven, the maximum weight of a package.

## DEADLY PLOT OF DAUGHTER.

Chicago Girl Held for Planning with Detectives to Kill Mother.

The district attorney and police of Chicago have been puzzled by the case of Miss May Otis, arrested because she is believed to have offered to pay a detective \$2,500 to kill her mother. The district attorney and representatives of the police department have gone over the details of the plot which the woman is alleged to have formed to have her mother killed. Friends allege that the girl is sane and that they have never known any action that would indicate mental unbalance.

The signed statement of the woman in which she tells of giving money to the detectives, tallies with the stories told by Detectives Mackey and Stolman. According to Stolman's story, Miss Otis came to him some time ago to find out how much property her mother had. The woman finally told him, he said, that she wanted to get the property and wanted her mother to "mysteriously disappear."

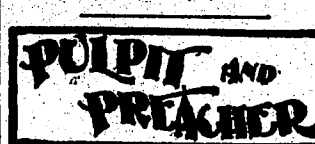
Stolman told the case before the chief of detectives, and was instructed to go on with the case. He declares he got the woman to offer him \$2,500 for the affair. Detective Mackey was introduced as a Pittsburgh thief willing to undertake the job, and \$100 was paid over and a note for the balance signed. Then the woman was arrested. She was afterward released on bail, and went home with her mother, whom she is alleged to have plotted to kill.

## GEN. GOMEZ PRESIDENT OF CUBA

Liberals Carry Every Province in the Island at Recent Election.

Practically complete returns of the Cuban election show that the liberal victory was even more decisive than was first supposed. Official returns from 1,300 of a total of 1,408 polling places show that Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez received 153,825 votes, against 118,320 for Gen. Mario Menocal, the conservative candidate. The liberals carried every province in the island. Havana province went liberal by 25,000 and the city by 13,000.

The liberal majorities in the other provinces were, approximately, as follows: Oriente, 13,500; Santa Clara, 11,000; Camaguey, 1,200; Pinar del Rio, 7,500; Matanzas, 8,000.



The Methodists of Pierre, S. D., have just celebrated the silver anniversary of the founding of their church in Pierre.

Roman Catholics of the Rockford, Ill. diocese are planning three elaborate receptions and banquets for the Right Rev. Peter J. Muldoon, their new bishop, following his installation Dec. 15.

A large part of the women in the congregation of the Baptist Temple of Brooklyn, N. Y., have refused to remove their hats during the Sunday service, as requested by the pastor, Dr. Myers.

Missionaries from the remotest parts of the world attended the meeting of the commissioners of foreign missions in Brooklyn. Plans were laid for extending the work during the coming year.

Rev. J. A. McCleary pastor of the Episcopal church of the Good Shepherd at Fort Lee, N. J., assisted by a large number of his parishioners, is searching for a gang of burglars who looted the church and carried away property valued at several hundred dollars.

Miles City is to be the second municipality in Montana which has a Y. M. C. A. building, an organization of members having already been effected. A campaign for funds will start next month. If a sufficient amount of money is subscribed, the building will be erected during the early days of the coming spring.

At Monteca, Ga., dynamite was used by unknown persons to destroy the Mormon church. Two hours after four Mormon elders left town hurriedly and their whereabouts are unknown. Threats had been made against the elders.

Pensions for retired missionaries were provided for in the closing session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, which met at Cincinnati. This was in the shape of a retirement fund for the benefit of superannuated and infirm missionaries, and this is the first time any woman's missionary board has taken such action in this country.



1492—Vincent Yanes Pinzon sailed from Palos for America, with four caravels, and was the first Spaniard to cross the equinoctial line.

1524—Francisco Pizarro sailed from Panama for the conquest of Peru.

1620—The "Mayflower" cast anchor in Provincetown harbor, Cape Cod.

1734—Zenger, editor of a New York weekly journal, was imprisoned for defending government by the people.

1755—Two hundred Scotchmen from Nova Scotia were banished from Boston.

1774—Louis XVI. re-established the French Parliament.

1777—Gen. Howe's army went into winter quarters in Philadelphia.

1780—Americans under Gen. Sumter defeated the British in battle of Broad River.

1794—Treaty concluded at Canandaigua between the United States and the Six Nations.

1804—James Monroe appointed United States minister to Spain.

1818—Americans defeated at battle of Chippewa, on the Canadian bank of the St. Lawrence river. The Junta, under the name of the National Assembly, declared the independence of Mexico. British repulsed in an attack on Ogdensburg, N. Y.

1816—Two hundred persons drowned in the wreck of the transport "Harpur" off the Newfoundland coast.

1828—The Cayuga and Seneca canal in New York was completed.

1829—Troops at Monterey revolted against the Governor of California. President Guerrero of Mexico relinquished the extraordinary powers granted him by Congress on account of the Spanish invasion. President Jackson proposed to reduce the number of navy yards in the United States to four—Norfolk, Narragansett, Washington and Charleston.

1840—Tampico, Mexico, surrendered to Commodore Connor of the American navy.

1840—Many lives were lost by the explosion of a boiler on the steamboat Louisiana at New Orleans.

1853—Prince of Sonderburg-Glücksburg proclaimed King of Denmark as Christian IX.

1854—War began between Brazil and Paraguay.

1858—England and the United States agreed to arbitrate the Alabama affair.

1870—Duke of Acosta elected King of Spain.

1871—Henry M. Stanley discovered Dr. Livingstone at Ujiji.

1872—Fire broke out in Boston and in two days burned over an area of sixty-five acres and caused a loss of \$80,000,000.

1874—Forty persons were drowned by the sinking of the packet Empire at New Orleans.

1881—Charles Guiteau was placed on trial for the murder of President Garfield.

1884—The third plenary council of the Roman Catholic church met at Baltimore.

1888—Brazilian monarchy overthrown and republic established. Washington admitted to statehood by proclamation of President Harrison.

1891—William J. Florence made his last appearance on the stage at the Arch street theater, Philadelphia.

1894—Electrical power generated at Niagara Falls was transmitted to Buffalo.

1898—Earl of Minto sworn in as governor general of Canada.

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